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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO RECRUIT MARK YOUNGER

From: CANBERRA

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To VIKTOR, [i]

I request your consent to [Q] the bringing in] to our work of Mark YOUNGER, a POLAK, 40 years old [;] [of the] middle [2 groups unrecovered] of SIDNEY (his wife has a ready-made clothing shop) [,] lives in a well-to-do fashion. He arrived there from POLAND 28 years ago. Both he and his wife are members of the "FRATERNAL [BRATSKAYA][ii]. When the LOUBLIN government was formed, [Q] apparently] the YOUNGERS [Q] showed initiative] in rallying the [1 group unrecovered] Poles [Q] in support] of this government. After this he was elected President of the Committee of Polish Democrats. While at this work, he developed a great burst of activity, and began to publish a magazine "FREE POLAND" at his own expense. YOUNGER got in touch with the new tele-graphic agency "POLPRESS", recently set up in MOSCOW, and from there receives regular information about the situation in POLAND. He is friendly disposed towards the Soviet Union. CLAUDE[KLOD][iii] describes him as [Q] a Communist by] conviction, but lacking adequate theoretical training. YOUNGER is a member of the managing body [PRAVLENIE] of the club [called][a] the Polish National Alliance in Australia, where he is carrying on a struggle against the influence of the Polish Consul GRUSZEK[iv]. He speaks a little Russian.

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He was in KIEV in 1922-23. His assistant in the work of the committee  
• BEREZNIAK [BEREZNYAK] a Polish Jew gives a favourable report of his character,  
but remarks that the latter has

[10 groups unrecovered]

[D, in view of] the circumstance that a concealed struggle is going on in  
the Committee between these two supporters for supremacy and the possible  
reward for one of them of the post of "POLPRESS" correspondent in AUSTRIA.  
YOUNGER knows the local Poles well. He is a very energetic and pushful  
fellow. I consider that he may be useful to us.

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T.N.: [e] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] Lt.-Gen. P.M. FITIN.  
[ii] A Communist Party.  
[iii] Walter Seddon CLAYTON.  
[iv] Semen Ivanovich MIKAROV.

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